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ATTENDED, AS DID THREE OTHER AMBASSADORS, UNHCR CHIEF OF MISSION, AND OTHERS. CHAIRMAN REVIEWED THE JANUARY 19-21 VISIT OF WFP EMERGENCY UNIT CHIEF TREVOR PAGE (SEE ISLAMABAD 02267), AND THE GOP REACTION TO PAGE'S PROPOSALS. AMBASSADOR ANNOUNCED U.S. PLEDGE OF 160,000 MT WHEAT AND 6,000 MT VEGOIL (CRUDE SOYBEAN OIL) FOR CY 1984. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT USG IS PREPARED TO EXPEDITE SHIPMENT OF 80,000 MT WHEAT UPON RECEIPT OF WFP SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS. AUSTRALIA PLEDGED EARLY DELIVERY OF 25,000 MT. WFP THUS HAS 105,000 MT WHEAT QUOTE UP FRONT UNQUOTE FOR IMMEDIATE SHIPMENT. OTHER REPS STATED THAT WHILE THEY HAD NOT RECEIVED FORMAL PLEDGES, THEY EXPECTED TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM MORE OR LESS ON SAME LINES AS LAST YEAR.

END SUMMARY.

3. SUMMARIZING VISIT OF WFP EMERGENCY UNIT CHIEF TREVOR PAGE (JANUARY 19-21), WFP (AND UNDP) REP HIMALAYA RANA SAID THAT HE HAD MADE IT CLEAR THAT WFP CANNOT PROVIDE WHEAT IN EXCESS OF COMMITMENTS REFLECTED IN MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT.

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4. RANA THEN ASKED FOR REACTIONS. IF THERE WERE A CONSENSUS HE WOULD TRANSMIT SAME TO ROME.

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AMBASSADOR HINTON ANNOUNCED THE U.S. PLEDGE FOR CY 1984 OF 160,000 MT OF WHEAT AND 6,000 MT OF VEGOIL, WITH THE U.S. PREPARED TO SHIP 80,000 MT OF WHEAT RIGHT NOW. HE UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING A FIRM SHIPPING SCHEDULE, AND SUPPORTED CANADA BY URGING THE WFP TO AGREE ON A TONNAGE, AVOIDING STERILE ARGUMENTS WHETHER THERE ARE 2.2 OR 2.5 MILLION RATION RECIPIENTS. AUSTRALIA ANNOUNCED A PLEDGE OF 25,000 MT OF WHEAT FOR EARLY DELIVERY.

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IN SUMMARIZING DONORS' STATEMENTS, UNHCR CHIEF OF MISSION WALZER EXPRESSED GRATITUDE AT SUPPORT FOR THE 1984 PROGRAM, NOTING THAT MOST DONORS ANTICIPATE CONTRIBUTING AT MORE OR LESS THE SAME LEVELS IN 1984 AS IN 1983.

5. AMBASSADOR HINTON EMPHASIZED NEED TO CONCENTRATE ON IMPROVED MANAGEMENT AND FOR WFP TO MAINTAIN A SHIPPING SCHEDULE. THE PROGRAM DEPENDS ON HOW MUCH FOOD IS AVAILABLE, AND THE WILLINGNESS OF THE GOP TO SUPPLEMENT DONATIONS FROM ABROAD. THE U.S. PUT 80,000 MT UP FRONT TO ASSIST WFP IN FORMULATING A DELIVERY SCHEDULE.

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6. RANA SUMMED UP THE CONSENSUS OF THE MEETING AS FOLLOWS: THE DONORS PRESENT THOUGHT THAT THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE 1984 PROGRAM WOULD BE MORE OR LESS THE SAME AS TO THE 1983 PROGRAM; THE DONORS EXPRESSED A CLEAR PREFERENCE FOR TONNAGE RATHER THAN FOR REFUGEE NUMBERS; AND THE DONORS URGED THAT WFP WORK OUT A DELIVERY AND SHIPPING SCHEDULE FOR THE WHOLE YEAR ASAP.

HE NOTED THAT 105,000 MT OF WHEAT UP FRONT (80,000
FROM U.S., 25,000 FROM AUSTRALIA) WOULD MAKE POSS-
IBLE TO START PLANNING RIGHT AWAY.

7. AT MEETING THE CANADIAN COUNSELOR FOR DEVELOPMENT
SAID THAT HE BELIEVES A DONORS' MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE
IN ROME ON FEBRUARY 21. RANA SAID HE WOULD TRANSMIT

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A REPORT ON THIS MEETING, NOTING THE ABOVE CONSENSUS.
IN TIME FOR THE FEBRUARY 21 MEETING.
8. COMMENT. WE APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE IN
STATE AND AID IN GETTING OUR PLEDGE APPROVED IN TIME
FOR THIS MEETING. OUR PLEDGE, TOGETHER WITH THE 80,000
MT UP FRONT, ENABLED US TO EMPHASIZE OUR CONTINUING
SUPPORT OF THIS PROGRAM AND, WE TRUST, TO MAXIMIZE
FAVORABLE IMPACT ON THE STILL UNCOMMITTED DONORS.

WE BELIEVE IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR USG AND WFP TO PRESS
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND JAPAN (ABSENT FROM FEBRUARY
20 MEETING) FOR SUBSTANTIAL PROMPT PLEDGES. THERE-
AFTER, THE WFP MUST DEVELOP A DETAILED SHIPPING
SCHEDULE. END COMMENT.

9. KABUL MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. HINTON

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